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OUT OF THE FROZEN NORTHLAND COMES THE FANCIFUL MYTH OF A STRANGE CREATURE,  
NEITHER MAN, NOR BEAST... AN UNWORLDLY PRESENCE CALLED...

# ABOMINABLE SNOW MAN!

WELL, JOE --- HERE WE ARE,  
AT THE VERY SPOT WHERE  
DOC ADAMS DISAPPEARED...  
WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE  
ABOMINABLE SNOW-MAN!

YES --- AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE  
WHO VANISHED WITHOUT  
A TRACE!



AN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION FORWARD  
CAMP SOMEWHERE IN THE ARCTIC...

JOE, WHAT DO YOU  
MAKE OF IT? IS  
THERE AN ABOMINABLE  
SNOW-MAN, AS THE  
NATIVES CLAIM? OR  
IS IT SUPERSTITION?

DOC ADAMS  
REPORTED THAT  
HE'D SIGHTED  
SOMETHING  
ANSWERING THE  
DESCRIPTION OF  
THE ABOMINABLE  
SNOW-MAN---AND  
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE  
--TO TRY AND FIND HIM,  
AND TO CHECK HIS  
STORY...

THE THING IS THOUGH THE REPORTS  
ABOUT THE SNOW MAN ORIGINATE IN  
THIS AREA, NO ONE BESIDE ADAM HAS  
EVER SEEN ONE...



WE'LL GET  
TO THE  
BOTTOM OF  
THIS.

NO TIME LIKE  
THE PRESENT.  
LET'S SCOUT  
AROUND, DAVE.  
GET YOUR  
SNOW SHOES.

LATER...

BEAR TRACKS!  
LOOKS LIKE  
A BIG ONE...



JOE, HELP!

DAVE!

GARRRRRR



ATTEMPTING TO FLEE THE BEAR, DAVE  
STUMBLES ON THE ICE AND IS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS



AS DAVE FELL, THE BEAR TURNED  
TO JOE, WHO RAISED HIS RIFLE AND PULLED  
THE TRIGGER BUT...

IT'S --- IT'S  
JAMMED!

CLICK!



THE BEAR CHARGES... ONLY TO STOP IN ITS  
TRACKS...

WHAT--???



THE BEAR FALLS DEAD, SLAIN BY AN  
ICE SPEAR...

HE'S DEAD! WHO THREW---???  
NO! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

THE ABOMINABLE SNOW-MAN!



LATER—JOE FOLLOWS THE TRAIL UNTIL...

THE SNOWFALL IS STARTING TO OBLITERATE  
THE TRACKS. I'D BETTER MARK THIS SPOT  
AND GO BACK TO CAMP FOR HELP!



I'VE LOST DIRECTION! I DON'T  
KNOW WHERE CAMP LIES!



I--I--MUSTN'T PANIC! HAVE TO TRY  
AND RETRACE MY STEPS...

BUT AS JOE MOVES ON, THE SNOW  
STORM DEVELOPS AND HE IS BLINDED BY  
THE SWIRLING FLAKES...



ON AND ON HE TREKS UNTIL...

THERE'S SOMETHING UP THERE  
IN FRONT OF ME! WELL, I'M  
NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES!  
WHO'S THERE? ANSWER ME?  
WHO'S THERE?



ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S  
WHAT YOU WANT!



JOE PURSUES THE ELUSIVE FIGURE, UNTIL HE FALLS EXHAUSTED.

CAN'T--GO ON  
ANOTHER STEP...

WHAT---???  
WHAT'S THAT ??



SUMMONING HIS LAST STRENGTH, JOE FLEES...

JOE! JOE CAMPBELL!

THEY KNOW ME!  
HOW CAN I GET  
AWAY FROM THEM?



HE TURNS AND RAISES HIS GUN AND FIRES  
WILDLY.



THE SHOT UNLOOSESES A SNOW SLIDE...



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DESPERATELY, JOE ATTEMPTS TO DIG HIS WAY OUT...



NO USE... I'M TRAPPED...



DIGGING... SOMEONE'S DIGGING! THE SNOW-MAN! HE'S COMING AFTER ME!



YOU SURE GAVE US A HARD TIME, JOE!

WHO--WHAT-- ARE YOU?

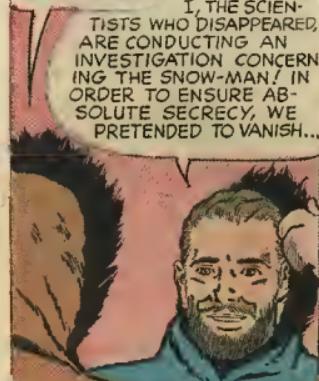


DOC ADAMS! DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO... BUT--BUT-- I--I DON'T JOE! THESE OTHERS AND I, THE SCIENTISTS WHO DISAPPEARED,

ARE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE SNOW-MAN! IN ORDER TO ENSURE ABSOLUTE SECRECY, WE PRETENDED TO VANISH...

TO UNCOVER GREAT ANTHROPOLOGICAL FACTS ABOUT PRIMITIVE LIFE IN THE ARCTIC. IF THERE IS NO SNOW-MAN, THEN WE WILL BE SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MYTH IN THE STORIES ABOUT HIM!

WELL, YOUR INVESTIGATIONS ARE CERTAINLY IMPORTANT--BUT YOU ALMOST SCARED ME TO DEATH!





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# SUPERSTITIONS

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To cure a sty on the eye, the following methods were believed to be effective in the best social circles during the Middle Ages.

(1) On the night of the new moon, procure the tail of an entirely black cat. Take out one hair and rub the end of it gently over the sty nine times, one for each life of the cat. Properly done this will cure the sty. Or, if you happen to be well off and have one, rub your sty nine times with a solid gold wedding ring or the finger ring of an unmarried lady will do almost as well.

## OLD SHOES

Throwing an old shoe after a bride will bring her and her husband good luck. Whence the custom even to this day of a pair of old shoes tied to the rear of the auto in which the newlyweds depart. However, the happy pair had better remember that it is lucky to burn old boots before starting out on any sort of journey.

## LEFT HAND TURN

From ancient days, the left side of anything has been considered by the superstitious to be the evil side. For example, even today, one hears it said that a person in a grrouch or temper must have got out on the wrong side of the bed that marning, meaning the left side. And to step into a hause, left foot first, was thought surely to bring

destruction to the house by fire or sickness to the occupants thereof.

## CLOCK LORE

Beware if the town clock should strike at the same moment that church bells are ringing. It means that there will soon be a big fire in town. And, if a clack that has not struck in a long time suddenly starts going again, one cannot possibly avoid a death in the family. And just as bad is for a town clack to strike the haour while the minister is reading the text of his sermon out loud. There will surely follow a death in the congregation. But, one of the strangest things that ever happened in England was the way that a clock stopped when it was cursed by an innocent man who had been condemned to death. It never ran again.

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HE HAD STOLEN SOMETHING THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD BEG FOR! BUT THE ODD SUBSTANCE WAS MORE THAN JUST A FOOD! IT WAS REALLY...

# Food For Thought



IF MATT PRICE HAD BEEN LESS GREEDY, LESS SELFISH, HE MIGHT NEVER HAVE LEARNED THE TRUTH! BUT PRICE WAS GREEDY! AND SO...

LOOK AT IT! THIS ISN'T

A TOWN, IT'S A CEMETERY! ISOLATED, BURIED IN THESE MOUNTAINS! I HATE IT! AND YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE A STORY LIKE THAT? A MIRACLE? HERE?



NOT A MIRACLE, SON!

SURE! THERE'S AN OLD GUY IN TOWN WHO MAKES SOME KIND OF STUFF THAT WE LIVED! NOW YOU KNOW!

A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY! THAT HE GIVES OUT FREE! A FOOD THAT TASTES LIKE WHATEVER YOU WANT IT TO TASTE LIKE! I'LL BET!



THE ONLY THING THIS TOWN EVER PRODUCED IS MISERY!

THEN WHY DID YOU COME BACK, MATT? TO SEE US? NO! YOU NEVER DID CARE ABOUT YOUR PARENTS! WHY?

THAT'S EASY! I'M BROKE! IT TAKES DOUGH TO LIVE IN A BIG TOWN AND I HAD A RUN OF TOUGH LUCK!

I SEE! BUT-- I'M SORRY! WE HAVE NO MONEY! WE HAVE NO NEED FOR MONEY! NOP'SINCE PAUL EMERY MADE HIS DISCOVERY!

PAUL EMERY! I REMEMBER HIM! A FARMER! HE ALWAYS DID LIKE TO FOOL AROUND WITH CHEMICALS, BUT IF HE EVER DISCOVERED ANYTHING, I'M SANTA CLAUS! AND I'LL GET SOME MONEY! SOMEWHERE!

SOMEWHERE--BUT WHERE? PRICE SNEERED. WALKED THROUGH THE ISOLATED TOWN HE HATED! AND HE HAD ONLY ONE THOUGHT! TO GET AWAY!

THAT'S EMERY'S PLACE! I WONDER...

HELLO, EMERY! IS THAT THE STUFF I'VE BEEN HEARING SO MUCH ABOUT?

PRICE! I HEARD YOU WERE BACK! YEAH, IT IS! BUT-- IT'S NOT FOR YOU!

NO? I THINK YOU'RE A FAKE EMERY...

BUT LET'S MAKE SURE, EH?

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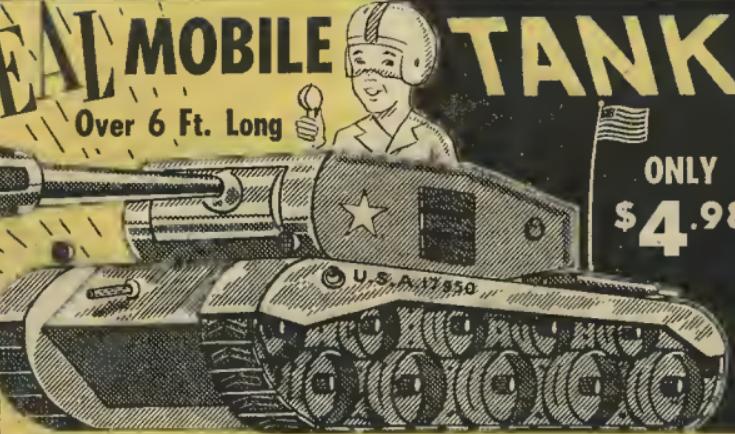
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IT'S TRUE! YOU'VE FOUND A FOOD THAT TASTES LIKE ANYTHING YOU WANT IT TO! YOU!

THAT'S RIGHT, PRICE! AND I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! BUT THE ANSWER IS NO! I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T FOR YOU!

NO, IT'S FOR EVERYONE! THE WHOLE WORLD! EMERY -- THIS THING IS WORTH A FORTUNE! HOW DO YOU MAKE IT? WHAT DO YOU USE?

I'LL NEVER TELL YOU THAT!



YOU'LL TELL ME! YOU STUPID HAYSEED, WE COULD MAKE OURSELVES RICH WITH THIS!

WE COULD -- BUT WE WON'T! THERE ARE REASONS!



WHEN A MAN MEANS WHAT HE SAYS -- IT SHOWS! AND EMERY MEANT WHAT HE SAID! HE WOULD NEVER TELL! BUT WHAT WAS THAT TO PRICE?

OKAY! PLAY DUMB! BUT THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT!



STAY IN THIS MISERABLE TOWN AND ROT! BUT NOT ME! I'M HEADING FOR THE CITY, AND THIS IS GOING WITH ME!



I'LL GET IT TO A LAB IN THE BIG TOWN! I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S IN IT! THEN I'LL SELL THE FORMULA! I'LL MAKE A MILLION!



BUT PRICE DID NOT COME BACK! PRICE HAD PLANS, AND THEY DID NOT INCLUDE STAYING IN THE TOWN WHERE HE HAD BEEN BORN!

THIS TIME I'LL NEVER COME BACK! I ALWAYS HATED THAT TOWN! NOW, I WON'T EVER HAVE ANY REASON TO COME BACK!



PRICE WALKED! MILE AFTER WEARY MILE! BUT HIS FEET WERE TIRED! AND IN TIME HE BECAME HUNGRY!



WHAT IN...



IT--IT'S FALLING APART! AND IT TASTED LIKE MUD, EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT OF ROAST BEEF! I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK! THIS CHUNK MUST BE SO OLD IT'S ROTTING!



IT--IT WAS A LONG WAY BACK! AND PRICE WAS STILL HUNGRY...

THERE YOU ARE! COFFEE AND CAKE!

AND THERE YOU ARE! MY LAST TWENTY CENTS! BUT IN A FEW DAYS...



WAIT A MINUTE! THIS CAKE... IT'S SPOILED! ROTTEN!





I'VE GOT TO GET TO HIM! IT MAY BE SERIOUS!  
HE'LL KNOW! HE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP ME!



SOMEHOW PRICE MADE IT! EVEN THEN, HE  
COULD HATE THE TOWN! BUT HIS THOUGHTS  
WERE NOT OF THE TOWN, THEN!



NO, YOU'RE NOT SICK,  
PRICE! AND I'M AFRAID  
I CAN'T HELP YOU!



CAN'T? YOU MEAN YOU  
WON'T! THERE WAS  
SOMETHING IN THAT  
STUFF! WHAT WAS IT?  
WHAT'S HAPPENED  
TO ME?

JUST WHAT I  
KNEW WOULD  
HAPPEN! I  
WARNED YOU,  
BUT YOU  
WOULDN'T  
LISTEN!

SO YOU LET ME GO! YOU DID IT ON PURPOSE! AND NOW YOU WON'T HELP ME! WELL WE'LL SEE--



EMERY--HELP ME! PLEASE! YOU WON'T DIE, PRICE! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!



EXACTLY! I TRIED TO STOP YOU AND I COULDN'T! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE EATEN THE STUFF, PRICE! IT DOES SOMETHING TO THE SENSE OF TASTE! FOREVER! YOU'LL BE NEVER BE ABLE TO EAT ANYTHING BUT THIS STUFF!



THERE'S JUST NOTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU! YOU SEE, MY FORMULA CAN'T BE KEPT MORE THAN A FEW HOURS! IT ROTS! AND IT CAN ONLY BE MADE HERE, FROM A CERTAIN GRAIN!



THE GRAIN WON'T GROW ANYWHERE WHO CARES ABOUT THAT ELSE, AND THE FOOD HAS TO BE EATEN AT ONCE! YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU! NOT ANYWHERE!

NOW! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME! WHATEVER I EAT MAKES ME SICK!



IT WAS SO IRONIC, BUT THE IRONY WAS WASTED ON PRICE! HE WAS LOOKING AT THE TOWN WHERE HE HAD BEEN BORN, THE TOWN HE HATED! THE TOWN WHICH WOULD BE HIS PRISON--FROM NOW ON!

IF YOU LEAVE HERE, YOU'LL STARVE! YOU COMMITTED A CRIME, PRICE! AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN FOUND GUILTY AND GIVEN--A LIFE TERM!



THE END

THEY FEARED THE PHANTOM SHIP OF THE SOUTH SEAS... FOR THE LEGEND WAS THAT THOSE WHO SAW IT WERE DOOMED. YET, THE PHANTOM SHIP COULD LEAD THE WAY, TO FABULOUS TREASURE... IF ONE DARED DEFY THE CURSE AND FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF...

# The Phantom Ship



AH, YOU  
DON'T  
BELIEVE  
THAT  
NATIVE  
BUNK!

I'VE BEEN  
AROUND THE  
ISLANDS A  
LONG TIME,  
JEFF... IT'S HARD  
TO KNOW WHAT  
TO BELIEVE!

THEY SAY THOSE WHO  
SEE THE PHANTOM SHIP  
ARE DOOMED--BUT THOSE  
WHO HAVE THE COURAGE  
TO FOLLOW IN ITS WAKE  
WILL FIND A FABULOUS  
TREASURE! WHAT SAY,  
HANK? LET'S GO AFTER  
HER, HUH?

DON'T BE  
A FOOL,  
MAN! WE'RE  
GOING TO  
PARANG!

WHY, HANK!  
YOU'RE SCARED!  
HANK GORDON--  
SCARED! THAT'S  
ONE FOR THE  
BOOKS!



I DON'T CARE WHAT  
YOU THINK OF ME,  
JEFF! I'VE SEEN  
ENOUGH TO KNOW  
THAT THERE'S  
ALWAYS SOME  
TRUTH BEHIND  
THE NATIVE  
LEGENDS.

OKAY. WHICH  
LEGEND DO YOU  
BELIEVE? ARE  
WE DOOMED BY  
SEEING THE  
PHANTOM SHIP--  
OR WOULD WE FIND  
TREASURE BY FOLLOW-  
ING IT?

I DON'T KNOW--AND I'M  
NOT GOING TO FIND OUT.  
IN FACT, RIGHT NOW, I'M  
NOT EVEN SURE WE SAW  
THE SHIP. MAYBE IT WAS  
AN OPTICAL ILLUSION--  
ALL I'M INTERESTED IS  
GETTING TO PARANG AND  
SIGNING THAT CONTRACT  
WITH JOHNSON!

I GUESS  
YOU'RE RIGHT,  
HANK. WE NEED  
THE JOB BAD--  
REAL BAD.



THE NEXT MORNING--AT A QUAY SIDE IN  
PARANG...

AHOY, THE  
MARY ELLEN!

AHOY, MR. JOHNSON!  
GLAD TO SEE YOU!



WELL, LADS--  
YOU MADE IT,  
EH? I WAS  
THINKING  
ABOUT YOU  
DURING THE  
STORM. THE  
WIND SNARLED  
LIKE A BEAST...

IT WAS  
BAD, SIR!  
BUT  
WE'RE  
HERE...

AND RARING  
TO GO. THE  
MARY  
ELLEN'S IN  
FINE SHAPE.  
WE CAN SAIL  
TODAY, IF  
YOU WANT  
US TO...



BOYS, THERE'S BEEN A  
CHANGE OF PLAN. I'M  
NOT GOING TO USE YOU  
FOR THE JOB I HAD  
ORIGINALY INTENDED...

I WANT YOU ON A  
SPECIAL MISSION, VERY  
DANGEROUS. BUT I'M  
AFRAID THE PAY WILL  
NOT COMMENSURATE  
WITH THE PERILS...

WAIT A MINUTE...WE'RE  
NOT IN THIS FOR FUN!  
WE'RE FOR HIRE--  
AND OUR PRICE GOES  
UP AS THE RISK RISES...



I'M SORRY BOYS,  
BUT I CAN'T DO  
ANYTHING ABOUT  
IT! MY HANDS  
ARE TIED AS FAR  
MORE MONEY IS  
CONCERNED!

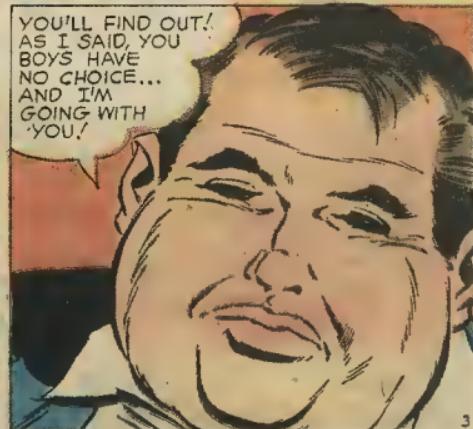
EITHER WE GET  
MORE MONEY  
OR WE'RE NOT  
FOR HIRE!



WHY,  
YOU....

EASY, JEFF!  
HE'S RIGHT,  
WE'VE GOT TO  
TAKE THE JOB.  
WHAT IS IT?

YOU'LL FIND OUT!  
AS I SAID, YOU  
BOYS HAVE  
NO CHOICE...  
AND I'M  
GOING WITH  
'YOU'!



LATER, WITH JOHNSON ABOARD, JEFF AND HANK SET SAIL...



WELL, JOHNSON -- CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THE DEAL IS NOW?

YES...



WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE PHANTOM SHIP!



YOU'RE CRAZY... WE WON'T DO IT!



WAIT A MINUTE, HANK -- WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, JOHNSON ...



BUT THIS WILL BACK ME UP!

BADGE OR NO BADGE...  
I WON'T GO AND YOU  
CAN'T MAKE ME!

LOOK!



WATCH CLOSELY,  
NOW!

THEY'RE HEADING  
FOR THE ROCKS!

THEY'LL  
CRASH!



THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING  
FOR, BOYS, YOU'VE DONE A GOOD  
JOB. YOU SEE, THE PHANTOM SHIP  
IS NO PHANTOM AFTER ALL... BUT  
COASTAL VESSEL USED BY A  
SMUGGLING RING.  
NOW WE'VE  
GOT IT  
TRAPPED IN  
THAT COVE!



NOW, MAY I USE  
YOUR RADIO TO  
CALL THE POLICE?  
I'M SORRY I HAD  
EMPLOY SUCH TACTICS  
BUT YOUR BOAT  
WAS MORE EFFECTIVE  
THAN A POLICE BOAT!

YES, OF  
COURSE.  
SAY, JEFF  
-- I GUESS  
YOU THINK  
I'M A  
DOPE FOR  
BELIEVING  
THE LEGEND?

YOU  
SAID IT.  
I DIDN'T!



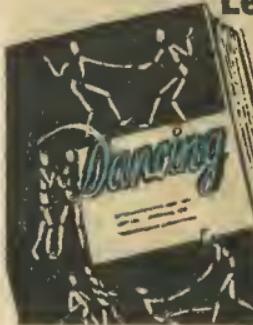
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# HAUNTED CASTLE

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It was midnight, and a moaning wintry wind rattled the big windows of the old castle and whistle through the dead bronches on the tall trees.

Grandpa Stoneybrook sat hunched before a log fire in the huge stone fireplace, stroking his long gray beard and frowning at the leaping flames on the ancestral hearth. But he could not find there the answer to his financial troubles.

So he groaned a little as he got up on his long skinny legs and walked around the big hall of the castle, looking up at the large oil paintings of his ancestors, who stared back at him as if they didn't care whether he had enough money to pay the taxes on his big estate or not.

"All right, all right," he shouted in a voice that echoed through the huge rooms on the ground floor of the castle, "instead of just staring at me as if I were some sort of worm, why don't you do something to help me before your home and mine for six generations is sold on the auction block for taxes?"

Suddenly, there was a whispering sound in the air. And just as suddenly old Donald Stoneybrook saw his dignified ancestors leave their heavy gold frames on the wall and gather like white clouds in front of the fireplace. And then the tallest ghost, old great, great grandfather Paxton, beckoned with his index finger to the other ghosts and they all put their heads together in a huddle like football players. And then the ghost of old Paxton straightened up and crooked its

long finger at old Donald, who, big eyed with awe and fear, walked over to the fireplace and listened.

"Why don't you sell the old castle," Paxton whispered, "to somebody who can afford to own it? We were thinking of moving to new and better quarters anyway."

Donald laughed bitterly, "For the good and simple reason," he said, "that not even the rich these days can afford to pay the servants to run a place as big as this."

And then Donald saw the ghosts go into another huddle. And finally old Paxton crooked his finger again and whispered to Donald, "Your ancestors, Donald, have decided to save you from bankruptcy. You can tell the real estate agents that any buyer can live here free for one month and all the servant chores will be taken care of without charge forever, if he buys the place."

Well, that did it. A millionaire oil man from Texas moved in and the ghosts of Donald Stoneybrook's ancestors did, unseen, all the work around the place without any noise or fuss. They cleaned house, cooked the meals, raked the leaves, and did any other necessary chores.

This worked out fine and the Texan was more than happy with the deal. Also the Stoneybrook ghosts were happy because they had something to do and once a year when the Texan went on his regular six week vacation they would go and visit with old Donald Stoneybrook and let him know all about the castle.

# DOUBLE TROUBLE

LISTEN TO ME! YOU FOOLS!  
YOU'RE ALL BLIND! WHAT'S  
WRONG WITH YOU! THIS IS  
ME, SAM MASON! I'M HERE!  
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE ME?



BEYOND THAT DOOR—IT WAITED. THE GALLows,  
AND SO—SAM MASON TREMBLED, FOR ALL HIS  
SIZE, FOR ALL HIS TOUGHNESS...

NO...NO! YOU CAN'T  
HANG ME! YOU CAN'T!

WHY MAKE IT  
TOUGHER, MASON? YOU  
KILLED A MAN IN COLD  
BLOOD. NOW, YOU'VE  
GOT TO PAY FOR IT!



NO! THE LAW WOULD  
NEVER HAVE GOTTEN  
ME. IF NOT FOR  
ANDREWS! I DON'T  
WANT TO DIE! BUT  
IF I DO, ANDREWS  
WILL DIE, TOO!  
HE'LL PAY!

ANDREWS  
IS SHERIFF  
OF THIS  
COUNTY,  
MASON. HE  
WAS JUST  
DOING HIS  
JOB. WHY HATE  
HIM?



WHY? WHY DOES AN ANIMAL HATE?  
BECAUSE IT IS AN ANIMAL. AND SAM  
MASON WAS LIKE AN ANIMAL. HE  
WAS A BULLY, A LIAR, A CHEAT...

NO! I'M NOT GOING TO  
DIE! NOT TILL I GET  
ANDREWS!



SAM MASON FOUGHT—AND A Sudden  
DIZZY SPELL HIT HIM. AFTER THAT,  
HE ONLY KNEW DARKNESS. AND THEN...



I—I'M FREE! BUT—HOW? HOW DID  
I GET HERE? I DON'T REMEMBER!



BUT THIS IS NO TIME TO WONDER!  
I'VE GOT A CHORE TO DO!



I'M COMING, ANDREWS! I'M COMING TO  
FIND YOU! MAYBE I'VE GOT TO PAY FOR  
KILLING THAT LOGGER! BUT YOU'LL PAY,  
TOO! FOR MY LIFE!



SAM MASON RAN, FLEW, LIKE A BIRD OF ILL OMEN, CARRYING HATRED WITH HIM, BACK TO THE LUMBER TOWN FROM WHICH HE HAD COME...



THERE IT IS! SOMEWHERE DOWN THERE I'LL FIND ANDREWS!



AND WHEN I DO...



ONLY A FOOL WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN THAT HILL, TO THAT TOWN. BUT MASON WAS MAD — MAD WITH BITTERNESS, WITH HATRED...

THOSE MEN —  
THEY WORKED WITH ME  
AT THE LUMBER CAMP!  
THEY'LL RECOGNIZE ME...



THEY LOOKED  
RIGHT AT ME! BUT MY  
LUCK'S HOLDING! THEY  
DON'T RECOGNIZE ME!  
BUT MAYBE IT WOULD  
BE BETTER IF THEY  
HAD! THEN ANDREWS  
WOULD COME AFTER  
ME! THAT BAR... THEY'LL  
KNOW ME IN THERE!



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HEAR THAT? SAM  
MASON WAS JUST  
HUNG!

HUNG? I WAS—  
HUNG? BUT I  
DIDN'T HEAR ANY-  
THING!



YOU'RE CRAZY!  
I'M HERE! RIGHT  
HERE!



YOU'RE ALL CRAZY! I'M NOT  
DEAD! I CAME BACK! WHAT'S  
WRONG WITH YOU? WHY  
CAN'T YOU SEE  
ME? WHY...

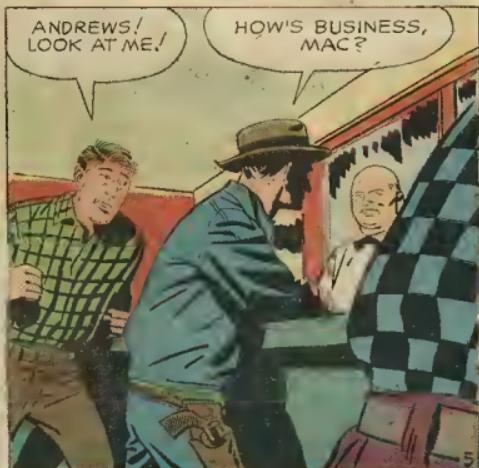


ANDREWS! HE'LL SEE  
ME! HE'LL KNOW ME! HE...



ANDREWS!  
LOOK AT ME!

HOW'S BUSINESS,  
MAC?



WELL, BE SEEING YOU.  
JUST WANTED TO CHECK  
AND SEE THAT EVERY-  
THING WAS QUIET.



HE DIDN'T SEE ME  
EITHER! IT CAN'T  
BE TRUE! IT CAN'T!



I CAN'T BE DEAD.  
I CAN'T...



I - I'VE GOT TO  
GO BACK! I'VE GOT  
TO FIND OUT!



TEROR IS SUCH A STRANGE THING. IT  
BLINDS REASONING. AND SO, SAM MASON  
RETURNED...

THE PRISON! THE ANSWER  
WILL BE AT THE  
PRISON!



LET ME IN!  
LET ME IN!  
I'VE GOT  
TO KNOW!



MASON WASN'T A KILLER, THEN. THERE WAS NO HATRED IN HIM, NO FALSE COURAGE. BUT THE HATRED WAS TO RETURN.

ALL RIGHT, MASON. YOU CAN COME IN.



YOU... YOU!  
YOU—CAN  
SEE ME,  
HEAR ME!



I CAN SEE  
YOU, MASON.

THEN—I'M ALIVE! I  
WASN'T EXECUTED!



THAT'S RIGHT, MASON. YOU SEE, THE PRISON PHONED ME WHEN YOU GOT AWAY! AND I KNEW YOU'D COME AFTER ME. SO I ARRANGED A LITTLE ACT. I HAD THE TOWN PRETEND THAT IT DIDN'T SEE YOU. THAT WAY, I KNEW YOU'D HEAD BACK HERE, AND NO ONE IN TOWN WOULD GET HURT. NEXT, EH?



NEAT? IT WAS A JOKE, A GREAT JOKE. BUT MASON WAS NOT LAUGHING.

YOU... I'LL STILL GET  
YOU! I'LL STILL PAY  
YOU OFF...



NO, I'M AFRAID NOT, MASON. THE LAW SAYS THAT **YOU'RE** SUPPOSED TO PAY, TONIGHT. AND THE LAW—ALWAYS COLLECTS!



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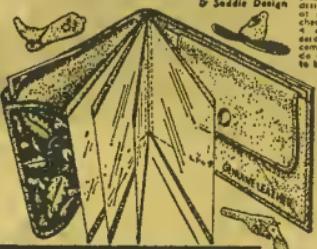
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